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Community Calendar

Madison Democrats Plan Dinner

The Madison County Democratic Party will sponsor a dinner on Sept. 7 at Madison H.S. beginning at 7:30 p.m. Wade Smith, state chairman of the N.C. Democratic Party, will be the featured speaker. Tickets are available at the Madison County Court House and from members of the Democratic Womens' Club and Young Democrats.

Patriots Scrimmage S. Greene Friday

The Madison High Patriots will hold a pre-season scrimmage with South Greene H.S. Friday night at 6 p.m. at O.E. Roberts Stadium. The Patriots open their 1985 campaign on Aug. 30 against North Buncombe H.S. at O.E. Roberts Stadium.

Youth Soccer Sign-Up

There will be registration for youngsters ages 6 through 11 interested in playing soccer this fall. Sign-up will be held at the Mars Hill Elementary School cafeteria on Aug. 24 from 10 a.m. until noon. A fee of \$13 will cover the program's costs. For more information, contact Mike O'Brien at 689-4879.

Cub Scouts To Meet In Mars Hill

There will be an organizational meeting of the Mars Hill Cub Scout Pack on Aug. 27 at 7 p.m. in the Mars Hill Baptist Church. All former Cub Scouts and youngsters interested in joining are encouraged to attend this meeting with their parents.

Enrollment is limited to boys ages seven through 10 enrolled in the third through fifth grades. For more information, call 689-4420 or 689-3379.



WORKMEN INSTALL SEWER LINE on Long Branch Rd. in Mars Hill on Monday. Work on the project is expected to continue on Hwy. 213 for several weeks.

Marshall Dips Into Savings

By ROBERT KOENIG

Marshall officials were forced to withdraw a portion of the town's savings last Friday in order to avoid bouncing payroll checks. The officials cashed in one of the town's certificates of deposit after learning that the general fund checking account was overdrawn by about \$3,000.

Linda Dodson, the town's secretary, was notified by officials at Wachovia Bank that the town's checking account was overdrawn on Friday morning. After receiving approval from aldermen Ed Niles and John Dodson, the town secretary transferred \$10,000 from the town's saving account to the checking account in order to cover the cash shortfall.

Bank receipts issued by Wachovia Bank state that the town's certificate of deposit (CD) valued at \$32,918.50 was redeemed by Mrs. Dodson and Ed Niles. A new certificate for \$22,918.50 was issued and \$10,000 was placed in the town's general fund checking account.

The CD being held by Wachovia Bank was worth \$50,000 when the town's present administration took office in Dec., 1983. Cash flow problems, particularly with the town's Water and Sewer Dept. have forced the town to redeem the CD on several occasions in the past year.

Mrs. Dodson reported that Marshall still has an additional \$50,000 CD with the First Union Bank in Marshall.

The monthly financial report delivered by Cecilia Ward on Aug. 12 indicated that the town's checking account was overdrawn by \$7,000 at the end of July.

Mrs. Dodson said Friday that the town may have to withdraw further funds from savings in order to pay its bills later this month. She said the cash shortfall can be expected to continue until tax revenues begin coming in later in the year.

Weaverville Council Considers Zoning Amendments

By ROBERT KOENIG

The Weaverville Town Council considered two requests for zoning amendments and offers of a water system and historic house during Monday night's meeting.

The council postponed decisions on the requested zoning changes and rejected both the water system and the house.

Town manager Larry Sprinkle said that the owners of a home on South Main Street have requested a zoning variance to allow them to operate a

bed and breakfast with five rooms for rent. The area is currently zoned R-1, restricted to single-family dwellings and selected other uses.

Sprinkle pointed out that the home was formerly operated as a boarding house prior to zoning. He said the owners wanted to convert the home to a five-bedroom home for tourists.

Upon a motion made by Buster West, Sprinkle is to meet with Jim Edwards of the Land of the Sky Regional Council to prepare a special exception to the current zoning or-

dinance. If approved, the home's owners would then have to submit their plans to the town's board of adjustment for approval. The exception must also be approved following a public hearing.

Sprinkle also told the councilmen that Lynn and Janet Brank have requested that their property on Georgia Ave. be changed from R-1 to C-1. The property currently is adjacent to C-1 property. Part of the Brank property is also designated for commercial use.

The council agreed to hold a public hearing on the request at the start of their regularly scheduled monthly meeting in Sept.

The council declined to accept the water system being operated by Wiley Smith at the Dogwood Knolls subdivision. In a letter to the council, Smith offered to deed the system over to the town. The offer was declined on a motion made by Robert Weaver.

The council also turned thumbs down on an offer presented by the First Union National Bank. The bank offered to give the town an old home on property it intends to use for a new bank. The old Sawyer homestead on the Virgil Collins property on Main Street would have to be moved to make way for the construction.

Council declined to accept the offer, citing the cost of moving the struc-

ture. The council also approved a \$5,500 budget amendment for the purchase of a new patrol car for the town's police department. The car has been purchased from the Highway Patrol. Mayor Lawrence Sprinkle read the monthly police report which stated the department made 126 calls during

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Testimony Begins In Larceny Trial

A jury of nine men and three women heard testimony in the breaking, entering and larceny trial of Jerry and Ray Marler on Monday in the Madison County Court House. The two brothers are charged in connection with the March, 1984 theft of fertilizer from the farm of Jessie Mae Ramsey.

John Verlon Davis, caretaker of the Ramsey farm, testified during the Monday afternoon session of court. Davis told the court that he discovered the theft of 7500 pounds of fertilizers shortly after meeting a car on the road leading to the Ramsey farm's barn.

Davis told the court he discovered 3000 pounds of pasture fertilizer, 3000 pounds of tobacco fertilizer and 1500 pounds of ammonia were taken from the barn, along with two bales of barbed wire, staples and a plastic cover used for tobacco beds.

Davis described the car he saw leaving the scene as an old Chevrolet. He told the court a neighbor told him that the car had made five trips on

the day the theft was discovered. Jessie Mae Ramsey and Larry Chandler also testified for the prosecution during Monday's session.

The brothers are represented by Marshall attorney Joseph Huff. Prior to jury selection for the trial, Huff asked Superior Court Judge Joseph Pachnowski to continue the trial because a defense witness could not be located. Judge Pachnowski, noting that an earlier trial date had been postponed for the same reason, denied Huff's request.

Testimony in the case is expected to continue on Tuesday. Later in the week, a Superior Court jury is expected to hear testimony in the trial of Ronnie Ball.

A former school bus driver, Ball is charged with two counts of abduction, two counts of contributing to the delinquency of a minor and a single count of taking indecent liberties with a minor in connection with the brief disappearance of two Marshall Elementary School students earlier this year.

Grand Jury Indicts Three

The Madison County grand jury returned true bills against three defendants Monday morning. Seven new members of the jury were impaneled during Monday's opening session of Superior Court.

The panel indicted Robert Rathbone on a single charge of possession of a controlled substance with intent to sell.

Travis Reggie Rowell Jr. was indicted on a charge of breaking, entering and larceny in connection with a June break-in at Big D's Fast Stop in Mars Hill.

The grand jury also indicted William Franklin on two counts of assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury. Franklin is charged with striking Josephine Smith with an axe handle.



DR. CRAIG PHILLIPS, right, met with Madison County school personnel last week at Madison H.S. The state Superintendent of Public Instruction and county school superintendent Robert L. Edwards, left, reviewed recent changes enacted by the General Assembly regarding schools. Students returned to classes in Madison County on Monday morning.

Bascom Lamar Lunsford Festival Set For October 4-5

"Old-timey" music lovers will have the chance to hear some of the best dulcimer players in the world on Oct. 4 when the 18th annual Bascom Lamar Lunsford Mountain Music and Dance Festival begins at Mars Hill College.

The two-day festival was begun in 1967 by Lunsford and Ed Howard of Mars Hill as a celebration of traditional mountain values. The festival format was revised several years ago

to include a special Friday night concert where the history of mountain music is detailed.

Each year, a single aspect of the traditional mountain music is featured. In past years, fiddles, banjos, ballad singers and string bands have been highlighted, with some of the finest musicians in the world taking the stage at the Owen Theatre on the Mars Hill College campus. This year's featured instrument,

the Appalachian dulcimer, has maintained its popularity through the years due to its unique sound, light weight and the relative ease with which one can learn to play it.

The Friday night concert will be presented in the Owen Theatre against a backdrop of homemade quilts.

On Saturday, festivities will begin at 10 a.m. with free workshops in

music, craft displays and home-making skill demonstrations. The smells of freshly-pressed apple cider, homemade sausage and biscuits and other delights will fill the air.

In addition to these workshops and demonstrations, the Madison County 4-H Club will conduct a fair in conjunction with the festival. There will also be a community quilting bee, carving, weaving and cooking

demonstrations and activities for children. Across the street at Meares Stadium, the Mars Hill Lions will face Newberry College in a 1:30 p.m. football game.

"Around about sundown" the best of the traditional mountain singers, musicians and dance teams will gather in Moore Auditorium to celebrate the memory of Bascom Lamar Lunsford, the "Minister of the

Appalachians", and carry on the traditional celebration of mountain music he began nearly 50 years ago.

Saturday's events on the Mars Hill campus are free and open to the public. There is a small admission charge to both the Friday and Saturday night concerts. For more information on the festival, contact Dr. Dan Anderson of Mars Hill College at 689-1220.

School's Open ... Please Drive Carefully